## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

IN RE: HAIR RELAXER MDL No. 3060 MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES, Master Docket Case No. 1:23-cv-00818 AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY Honorable Mary M. Rowland LITIGATION FELICIA FULLARD SHORT-FORM COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND Plaintiff, v. Civil Action No. AVLON INDUSTRIES, and GODREJ SON HOLDINGS, INC., and L'ORÉAL USA, INC., and L'ORÉAL USA PRODUCTS, INC., and LUSTER PRODUCTS, INC., and REVLON CONSUMER PRODUCTS CORPORATION, and REVLON GROUP HOLDINGS LLC, and REVLON, INC., and SOFTSHEEN-CARSON LLC, and STRENGTH OF NATURE, LLC Defendants.

- 1. Plaintiff/Injured Party (hereinafter, "Plaintiff") incorporate by reference Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint in *In Re: Hair Relaxer Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 3060, filed as of May 15, 2023, as Document Number 106.
- 2. Plaintiff, Felicia Fullard, files this Complaint pursuant to CMO No. 2 and is to be bound by the rights, protections and privileges, and obligations of that CMO and other Orders of the Court. Further, in accordance with CMO No. 2, Plaintiff hereby designates the United States District Court for the District of Maryland as Plaintiff's designated venue ("Original Venue"). Plaintiff makes this selection based upon one or more of the following factors:
  - X Plaintiff currently resides in La Plata, Maryland;

<u>X</u>	Plaintiff purchased and used Defendant(s)' products in Maryland;
	The Original Venue is a judicial district in which Defendant resides, and all defendants are residents of the State in which the district is located (28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1)).
	The Original Venue is a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, specifically (28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2)):
	There is no district in which an action may otherwise be brought under 28 U.S.C. § 1391, and the Original Venue is a judicial district in which Defendant is subject to the Court's personal jurisdiction with respect to this action (28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(3)).
	Other reason (please explain):
3.	For purposes of diversity jurisdiction, Plaintiff is a citizen of Maryland.

4. Plaintiff is suing the following Defendants, and for purposes of diversity, whose State of Incorporation/Formation and Principal Place of Business is as follows:

Check All Applicable Defendants	Defendant	State of Incorporation or Formation	Principal Place of Business
	AFAM Concept, Inc. d/b/a JF Labs, Inc.	Illinois	Illinois
$\boxtimes$	Avlon Industries	Illinois	Illinois
	Beauty Bell Enterprises LLC f/k/a House of Cheatham, Inc.	Georgia	Georgia
	Dabur International Ltd.	Isle of Man	Dubai
	Dabur International USA Ltd.	India	Illinois
	Dermoviva Skin Essentials, Inc.	Delaware	New Jersey
$\boxtimes$	Godrej SON Holdings, Inc.	Georgia	Georgia
	House of Cheatham LLC	Delaware	Georgia
$\boxtimes$	L'Oréal USA, Inc.	Delaware	New York
$\boxtimes$	L'Oréal USA Products, Inc.	Delaware	New York
$\boxtimes$	Luster Products, Inc.	Illinois	Illinois
	McBride Research Laboratories, Inc.	Georgia	Georgia

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	Namaste Laboratories LLC	Illinois	Illinois
$\boxtimes$	Revlon Consumer Products Corporation	Delaware	New York
$\boxtimes$	Revlon Group Holdings LLC	Delaware	Delaware
$\boxtimes$	Revlon, Inc.	Delaware	New York
$\boxtimes$	SoftSheen-Carson LLC	New York	New York
$\boxtimes$	Strength of Nature, LLC	Georgia	Georgia
	Other (Please identify):		
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## CASE SPECIFIC FACTS REGARDING HAIR RELAXER PRODUCT USE AND INJURIES

- 5. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff began using hair relaxer products on or about the following date: January 1, 1982, and if applicable, stopped using hair relaxer products on or about the following date: August 31, 2020.
- 6. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff used the following hair relaxer products, which Plaintiff contends caused and/or contributed to their injuries and brings claims against the following Defendants:

Defendant	Product List (Select All Applicable Products)	
AFAM Concept, Inc. d/b/a JF Labs, Inc.	<ul> <li>☐ Hawaiian Silky - Crème Conditioning No Lye Silky Smooth Sheen Relaxer</li> <li>☐ Hawaiian Silky - Herbal No Lye Conditioning Relaxer System with Tea Tree &amp; Avocado Oil - 2 Applications</li> <li>☐ Vitale - Olive Oil Anti-Breakage Relaxer No Base with Shea Butter -</li> </ul>	
	Regular Strength	

Defendant	Product List (Select All Applicable Products)
	☐ Vitale Pro - New Texture Salon Exclusive Hair Relaxer
	☐ Vitale Mo'Body - Shea Butter Sensitive Scalp Relaxer with Oatmeal
	Protein
	☐ Vitale - Life and Body - Hair Relaxer with Aloe Vera - Smooth Silky
	Texture
	Other (please specify):
Avlon Industries, Inc.	⊠ Affirm Crème Relaxer
	☐ Affirm Sensitive Scalp Relaxer
	⊠ Affirm Dry & Itchy Scalp Relaxer
	☐ Affirm FiberGuard Conditioning Crème Relaxer
	☐ Affirm FiberGuard Sensitive Scalp Conditioning Relaxer
	☐ Other (please specify):
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<b>Beauty Bell</b>	☐ Africa's Best Herbal Intensive No-Lye Relaxer System
Enterprises, LLC	☐ Originals by Africa's Best Originals Olive Oil Conditioning Relaxer
f/k/a House of	☐ Organics by Africa's Best Olive Oil Conditioning Relaxer System with
Cheatham, Inc.	Extra Virgin Olive Oil
	☐ Originals by Africa's Best Kids Originals Natural Conditioning Relaxer
	System
	☐ Organics by Africa's Best Kids Organic Conditioning Relaxer System
	☐ Organics by Africa's Best Kids Natural Conditioning Relaxer System
	Texture My Way Men's Texturizing Kit
	☐ Texture My Way Women's Texturizing & Softening System
	☐ Other (please specify):
House of Cheatham,	☐ Africa's Best Herbal Intensive No-Lye Relaxer System
LLC	☐ Originals by Africa's Best Originals Olive Oil Conditioning Relaxer
	☐ Organics by Africa's Best Olive Oil Conditioning Relaxer System with
	Extra Virgin Olive Oil
	☐ Originals by Africa's Best Kids Originals Natural Conditioning Relaxer
	System
	☐ Organics by Africa's Best Kids Organic Conditioning Relaxer System
	☐ Organics by Africa's Best Kids Natural Conditioning Relaxer System
	☐ Texture My Way Men's Texturizing Kit
	☐ Texture My Way Women's Texturizing & Softening System
	☐ Other (please specify):
L'Oréal USA, Inc./	☐ Dark and Lovely Beautiful Beginnings No-Mistake Smooth Relaxer
L'Oréal USA	☐ Dark and Lovely Beautiful Beginnings No Mistake Curl Softener
Products, Inc./	☐ Dark and Lovely Healthy Gloss 5 Shea Moisture No Lye Relaxer
SoftSheen-Carson	☐ Dark and Lovely Triple Nourished Silkening Relaxer
<u>LLC</u>	☐ Optimum Salon Haircare Defy Breakage No-Lye Relaxer

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	☐ Optimum Salon Haircare Amla Legend Relaxer
	☐ Optimum Care Bodifying Relaxer
	☐ Optimum Multi-Mineral Reduced pH Crème Relaxer
	□ Bantu No Base Relaxer
	☐ Ultra Precise No-Lye Conditioning Relaxer
	☐ Mizani Butter Blend Sensitive Scalp Relaxer
	⊠ Mizani Butterblend Prosolvent Relaxer
	⊠ Mizani Classic Relaxer
	☐ Care Free Curl – Cold Wave Chemical Rearranger Super Strength
	☐ Look of Radiance Permanent Crème Relaxer Kit
	☐ Other (please specify):
	□ Luster's Pink Oil Moisturizer No-Lye Conditioning Relaxer
	☐ Luster's Pink Oil Moisturizer No-Lyc Conditioning Relaxer
	□ Luster's Pink Oil Moisturizer Smooth Touch Relaxer     □ Luster's Pink Oil Moisturizer Smooth Touch Relaxer
	□ PCJ Kit
	⊠ PCJ No Lye Kit - Adult
<b>Luster Products</b>	•
<b>Company</b>	<ul><li>☑ PCJ No Lye Kit - Children's</li><li>☑ ShortLooks Colorlaxer Diamond Black</li></ul>
	☐ ShortLooks Colorlaxer Diamond Black ☐ ShortLooks Colorlaxer Passion Red
	☐ ShortLooks Colorlaxer Passion Red
	Other (please specify):
	☐ Design Essentials Honey Nectar Relaxer Kit - Time Release Regular
	Strength
McBride Research	☐ Design Essentials Sensitive Scalp Relaxer System
<b>Laboratories</b>	☐ Design Essentials Regular Conditioning Relaxer
	☐ Other (please specify):
	☐ ORS Olive Oil Built-In-Protection No-Lye Relaxer – Full Application
	☐ ORS Olive Oil No-Mix Salon Formula Crème Relaxer
	☐ ORS Olive Oil Ultra Nourish Crème Hair Relaxer
	☐ ORS Olive Oil Built-In-Protection No-Lye Relaxer – New Growth
	☐ ORS Olive Oil Zone Relaxer – Targeted Touch-Up No-Lye Hair Relaxer
Namaste Laboratories	☐ ORS Olive Oil Zone Kelazer — Targeted Toden-Op No-Lye Han Kelazer
	☐ ORS Olive Oil Crème on Crème Touch-Up No-Lye Hair Relaxer
	☐ ORS Olive Oil Mild Touch Relaxer with 60% Lower Chemical
	☐ ORS Olive Oil Texlax and Stretch Semi-Straightening System
	☐ ORS Olive Oil Girls Built-In Protection Plus No-Lye Conditioning Hair
	Relaxer System
	Testanos Systems

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	☐ ORS Olive Oil Girls Soft Curls No-Lye Crème Texture Softening
	System
	☐ ORS HAIRepair No-Lye Conditioning Relaxer System with Cuticle
	Shield
	☐ ORS Olive Oil Professional No-Lye Relaxer Kit
	☐ ORS Olive Oil Professional Crème Relaxer
	☐ Namasté Salon System Triple Emulsion Relaxer
	☐ Namasté Salon System Crème Relaxer
	☐ Namasté Salon System Conditioning Sensitive Scalp No-Lye Relaxer
	☐ Namasté Salon System Crème Relaxer Salon Trial Pack
	☐ (Other (please specify):
	□ African Pride – No Lye Relaxer Kit
	☐ African Pride – No Base Relaxer
	□ African Pride – Multi Length Texturizer Kit
	☐ African Pride – Dream Kids No Lye Relaxer Kit
	☐ All Ways Natural – No Lye Conditioning Crème Relaxer Kit
	☐ Arosci Aromaphoric Relaxer System
	⊠ Crème Of Nature Relaxer Cream
	⊠ Crème Of Nature Relaxer Kit Argan Oil
	☐ Crème of Nature Herbarich Conditioning Crème Relaxer System Kit
Revlon, Inc./ Revlon	☐ Crème of Nature Herbarich Conditioning Crème Relaxer and Texturizing
<b>Consumer Products</b>	System
Corporation/ Revlon	☐ Crème of Nature Herbarich No Base Relaxer
Group Holdings LLC/	☐ Crème of Nature No Base Relaxer
Revlon	☐ Crème of Nature No Lye Relaxer
	☐ Crème of Nature Sodium Relaxer Kit
	☐ Crème Of Nature Cni No Lye Relaxer
	☐ Crème Of Nature Cni Sunflower & Coconut Oil - Creme
	☐ Crème Of Nature Eden Relaxer
	☐ Fabulaxer No-Lye Relaxer
	☐ Fabulaxer Gro-7
	⊠ Revlon Realistic No-Base Relaxer
	☐ Revlon Realistic No Lye Relaxer Kit
	☐ Other (please specify):
Strength of Nature,	☐ African Pride Olive Miracle Deep Conditioning Crème-on-Crème No
LLC	Lye Relaxer 8 Salon Pack Touch-Ups
	☐ African Pride Olive Miracle Deep Conditioning Curls & Coils Texturizer
	✓ African Pride Olive Miracle Deep Conditioning Curls & Coils Texturizer
	With Aloe Deep Conditioner
	☐ African Pride Olive Miracle Deep Conditioning No-Lye Relaxer One
	Complete Application

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	☐ African Pride Olive Miracle Deep Conditioning No-Lye Relaxer, One
	Complete Touch-Up
	☐ African Pride Shea Miracle Texture Softening Elongating System
	☐ African Pride Dream Kids Olive Miracle (4) Touch-Up Relaxer Kit
	□ African Pride Dream Kids Olive Miracle Relaxer
	☐ African Pride Dream Kids Olive Miracle Touch-Up Relaxer Kit
	☐ Dr. Miracle's No Lye Relaxer Kit
	☐ Dr. Miracle's New Growth No-Lye Relaxer Kit
	☐ Elasta QP Normal Relaxer Kit
	☐ Elasta QP Normal Relaxer Kit 2 Applications
	☐ Elasta QP Resistant Relaxer Kit
	☐ Elasta QP Sensitive Scalp Kit 12 Application Economy Pack
	☐ Elasta QP Sensitive Scalp Kit – 4 Applications
	☐ Elasta QP No Base Crème Relaxer
	☐ Elasta QP SOY OYL No-Base Relaxer
	☐ Elasta QP SOY OYL 4 Application Anti-Dryness No Lye Relaxer Kit
	☐ Elasta QP No-Base Relaxer
	☐ Elasta QP Extra Body No-Base Regular Relaxer
	☐ Elasta QP Extra Body No-Base Super Relaxer
	☐ Gentle Treatment No-Lye Relaxer Gray Kit
	☐ Gentle Treatment No-Lye Relaxer
	☐ ☑ Just For Me Relaxer 1 Complete Touch Up Relaxer
	□ Just For Me 4 Application Salon Pack Relaxer
	☑ Just For Me No-Lye Conditioning Crème Relaxer Kit
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	□    □    □    □    □    □    □
	☐ Sust For Me No-Lye Texture Softener System with Hair & Scalp Butter
	✓ Motions Classic Formula Smooth & Silken Hair Relaxer
	✓ Motions Professional 12-Application Salon Pack
	✓ Motions Silkening Shine No Lye Relaxer Kit
	☐ Profectiv MegaGrowth Anti-Damage No-Lye Relaxer 2 Touch Up
	Application
	☐ Profectiv MegaGrowth Anti-Damage No-Lye Relaxer 1 Complete Touch
	Up Application
	☐ Profectiv Procision Relaxer Kit Regular
	☐ Profectiv Relax and Refresh Kit Auburn Spice
	☐ Profectiv Relax and Refresh Kit Cherry Fusion
	☐ Profectiv Relax and Refresh Kit Jet Black
	☐ Profectiv Relax and Refresh Kit Mahogany Brown
	☐ Profectiv Relax and Refresh Kit Silky Black

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	☐ Pro-Line Comb Thru Texturizer Kit
	☐ SmartPerm No-Lye Anti-Breakage Relaxer System
	☐ SmartPerm No-Lye Anti-Breakage New Growth Relaxer System, Smart
	Grow Stimulator
	☐ SmartPerm Smart Valu No-Lye Anti-Breakage Relaxer Kit, 4
	Applications
	☐ Smart Perm Smart Valu Smart Gro Stimulator New Growth No-Lye
	Relaxer with GroRehab 4 Applications
	S&B® Botanicals <sup>TM</sup> 2 Application Relaxer
	S&B® Botanicals <sup>™</sup> No-Lye Sensitive Scalp Relaxer, 1-App
	S&B® Botanicals <sup>TM</sup> No-Mix Texturizer 2-App, with Deep Conditioner
	<ul> <li>         ⊠ S&amp;B® Botanicals<sup>TM</sup> No-Mix Texturizer 2-App     </li> <li>         ∑ S&amp;B® Botanicals<sup>TM</sup> Relaxer 8-Touch Up     </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Soft &amp; Beautiful No-Lye Crème Relaxer</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Soft &amp; Beautiful No-Lye Ultimate Conditioning Relaxer System</li> </ul>
	☐ Soft & Beautiful No-Lye Offiniate Conditioning Relaxer System ☐ TCB Naturals Conditioning Argan Oil Vitamin E & Olive No-Lye
	Relaxer
	☐ TCB Naturals Conditioning Argan Oil Vitamin E & Olive No-Lye
	Relaxer, 2 Applications
	☐ TCB No-Base Crème Hair Relaxer with Protein & DNA
	☐ UltraSheen Supreme Conditioning No-Lye Relaxer
	☐ UltraSheen Ultra Moisturizing No-Lye Relaxer
	☐ UltraSheen Ultra Moisturizing No-Lye Relaxer, with Keratin
	☐ Other (please specify):
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7. Other	manufacturers/products used by Plaintiff not identified above:
None.	
8. Plaintif	ff's use of Defendants' hair relaxer products caused serious injuries and
damages including but	t not limited to the following:
□ Uterine Ca	ancer
	al Cancer
☐ Ovarian C	ancer
	ries and/or additional details: Plaintiff's damages are for severe and
	nt personal injuries including uterine/endometrial cancer requiring a
	omy with bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy, as well as other severe and
-	losses which are permanent and lasting as well as, physical pain and mental
	including diminished enjoyment of life, as well as the need for lifelong treatment, monitoring, medications, fear of recurrent cancer, metastasis of
	eath from cancer, financial losses, and pain and suffering.

9. Approximate dates of diagnosis of injury, if applicable at this time, that forms the basis of Plaintiff's claims: January 12, 2021.

## CAUSES OF ACTION AND THEORIES OF RECOVERY ADOPTED AND INCORPORATED IN THIS LAWSUIT

- 10. Plaintiff hereby adopts and incorporates by reference as if set forth fully herein, all common factual allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 114 of the Master Long Form Complaint on file with the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in the matter entitled *In Re: Hair Relaxer Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 3060.
- 11. Plaintiff hereby adopts and incorporates by reference as if set forth fully herein, the following Causes of Action and the Prayer for Relief within the Master Long Form Complaint on file with the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in the matter entitled *In Re: Hair Relaxer Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 3060:
  - ⊠ Count I Negligence and/or Gross Negligence
  - ☑ Count II Negligent Misrepresentation
  - ☐ Count III Negligence *Per Se*
  - ⊠ Count IV Strict Liability: Design Defect
  - ⊠ Count V Strict Liability: Failure to Warn
  - ⊠ Count VI Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability/ Fitness for a Particular Use
  - ☑ Count VII Breach of Express Warranty under state law and the Magnuson-

Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2301 et seq.
☑ Count VIII – Fraud/ Fraudulent Misrepresentation
⊠ Count IX – Fraudulent Concealment
⊠ Count X – U.S. State and Territory Statutory Consumer Protection and Unfair or Deceptive Trade Practices Claims
⊠ Count XI – Unjust Enrichment
☐ Count XII – Wrongful Death
☐ Count XIII – Survival Action
☐ Count XIV – Loss of Consortium
☑ Count XV – Punitive Damages
☐ Other Causes of Action:
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12. <u>Consortium Claim(s) (if applicable)</u> : The following individual(s) allege(s)
damages for loss of consortium: N/A.
13. <u>Survival and/or Wrongful Death Claim(s) (if applicable)</u> : The following
individual(s) allege(s) damages for survival and/or wrongful death:
N/A.

## **JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury as to all claims in this action.

Dated this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, <u>2023</u>.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE PLAINTIFF(S),

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